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7 *Arizona, Arizona Department of Child Safety*  
8 *("DCS"), Sarah Kramer, Sarah Mendez, Madison*  
9 *Bell, Mecca Temple, Gregory McKay, and Michael*  
10 *Faust.*

11 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
12 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

13 Jessica Kahraman, an individual; D.K., a  
14 minor, through his parent and guardian  
15 Jessica Kahraman; and K.K., a minor,  
16 through his parent and guardian Jessica  
17 Kahraman,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 The State of Arizona, a governmental entity;  
21 Arizona Department of Child Safety  
22 ("DCS"), a governmental entity; Sarah  
23 Kramer, individually and as an employee  
24 with DCS, and John Doe Kramer, her  
25 spouse; Sarah Mendez, individually and as  
26 an employee with DCS, and John Doe  
27 Mendez, her spouse; Madison Bell,  
28 individually and as an employee with DCS,  
and John Doe Bell, her spouse; Mecca  
Temple, individually and as an employee  
with DCS, and John Doe Temple, her  
spouse; Gregory McKay, individually and as  
an employee with the State of Arizona as the  
former Director of DCS, and Jane Doe  
McKay, his spouse; Michael Faust,  
individually and as an employee with the  
State of Arizona as the current Director of  
DCS, and Jane Doe Faust, his spouse;  
Banner Children's at Desert, formerly

Case No. 2:22-cv-00375-SRB

**DEFENDANTS THE STATE OF  
ARIZONA, ARIZONA DEPART-  
MENT OF CHILD SAFETY ("DCS"),  
SARAH KRAMER, SARAH  
MENDEZ, MADISON BELL, MECCA  
TEMPLE, GREGORY MCKAY, AND  
MICHAEL FAUST'S APPLICATION  
FOR WITHDRAWAL AND  
SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL  
WITH CLIENT APPROVAL**

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Cardon Children Medical Center (“Banner”),  
 an Arizona nonprofit organization; Ryan M.  
 Stewart, M.D., individually and as an  
 employee with Banner, and Jane Doe  
 Stewart, his spouse; Maria Chico,  
 individually and as an employee with  
 Banner, and John Doe Chico, her spouse;  
 Southwest Human Development (“SWHD”),  
 an Arizona nonprofit organization,  
 individually and as a service provider for the  
 State of Arizona; Drue Kaplan-Siekman,  
 individually and as an employee with  
 SWHD, and John Doe Siekman, her spouse;  
 Gwyneth Kelly individually and as an  
 employee with SWHD, and John Kelly, her  
 spouse; Michael Kelly, M.D. an individual,  
 and Jane Doe Kelly, his spouse, et al.,

Defendants.

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.3, Larry J. Crown and Elan S. Mizrahi of Titus Brueckner Spitler & Shelts PLC, and with the consent of Defendants The State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Child Safety (“DCS”), Sarah Kramer, Sarah Mendez, Madison Bell, Mecca Temple, Gregory McKay, and Michael Faust (collectively, “Defendants”), hereby apply for Larry J. Crown and Elan S. Mizrahi of the Titus Brueckner Spitler & Shelts PLC law firm to be substituted as attorneys of record for Defendants in place and stead of Amy Wilkins Hoffman of Hoffman Legal, LLC.

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.3(b)(3) and (4), Attorneys Crown, Mizrahi, and Hoffman are aware of the current trial date set September 9, 2024. Plaintiffs and Defendants will soon be filing a First Stipulation to Extend Case Management Order [Docs. 128, 141] that will include a request to continue the trial date. This Stipulation to Extend Deadlines will be based on good cause. A draft of this First Stipulation is being circulated among remaining counsel in the case.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**TITUS BRUECKNER SPITLER & SHELTS PLC**

By: /s/ Larry J. Crown

Larry J. Crown  
Elan S. Mizrahi

*Substituting Attorneys for Defendants The State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Child Safety ("DCS"), Sarah Kramer, Sarah Mendez, Madison Bell, Mecca Temple, Gregory McKay, and Michael Faust*

**HOFFMAN LEGAL, LLC**

By: /s/ Amy Wilkins Hoffman (w/permission)

Amy Wilkins Hoffman

*Withdrawing Attorneys for Defendants The State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Child Safety ("DCS"), Sarah Kramer, Sarah Mendez, Madison Bell, Mecca Temple, Gregory McKay, and Michael Faust*

**CLIENT CONSENT TO WITHDRAWAL AND  
SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

I, Julie Rhodes, Senior Litigation Counsel for the Arizona Attorney General, hereby certify that I am authorized to give this consent on behalf Defendants The State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Child Safety ("DCS"), Sarah Kramer, Sarah Mendez, Madison Bell, Mecca Temple, Gregory McKay, and Michael Faust ("Defendants"), and I do hereby consent to the withdrawal of Amy Wilkins Hoffman of the Hoffman Legal, LLC law firm as counsel of record for Defendants in this matter. I further consent to Larry J. Crown and Elan S. Mizrahi of the Titus Brueckner Spitler & Shelts PLC law firm to be substituted as attorneys of record for Defendants in the place and stead of Amy Wilkins Hoffman of the Hoffman Legal, LLC law firm for all further proceedings in this matter.

DATED: December 28, 2023

Julie R hodes (with permission)

Julie Rhodes, Senior Litigation Counsel  
Arizona Attorney General

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 28, 2023, I electronically transmitted the foregoing document to be filed electronically with the Clerk's Office through the CM/ECF System for filing and transmittal of a Notice of Electronic Filing to be served on all counsel of record via the Court's CM/ECF system.

/s/ Karin A. Meister

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